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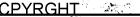
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Congressman WM. H. AVERY



has come about because of a serquence of bold charges made by scritter Kenneth Keating (R.N.Y.) and others, an immediate denial by Administration spokesmen, and then a subsequent acknowledgment that the Keating charges could be substantially correct. This has caused responsible press correspondents to carefully review the series of charges, denials, and subsequent admissions and deported to a White House news convelop ments over a period of time. has come about because of a se-



in tiussian unitorins nou in in Cuba, and on September 2 the Soviet Union virtually confirmed the Keating report by stating that it had agreed to supply arms and technical supplies to Cuba. This apparently provoked the President into conceding there were shortrange missiles in Cuba but purely for defenseive purposes. On Octo. her 9, Keating stated 5,000 troops Miscounting American missiles charges by Senator Keating and least half a dozen launching sites is generally conceded to be a their later establishment as valid, a for intermediate-range offensive is generally conceded to be a significant factor in President Kernedy's election in 1960. Miscourt in grassian missiles in Cuba training flussian missile gap versus the missile gap versus the missile gap versus the missile gap existed in the American arisenal before the President's election in 1960, but that it miraculously was declared to have briefin at an executive session in disappeared 30 days after the Chicag Cuba today. Administration was installed.

This conclusion is a complete departure from the generally conceded result only a few weeks ago of his handling of the October missile affair in Cuba. This transition has come about because of a sequence of bold charges made by

Sena or Keating requested in whole stabled in the factor in

With this record, it leaves Memvelop ments over a period of time ference that "we do not have evidence that July. Because of dence that there are Russian the consistency in the pattern of troops there" (Cuba). On August the July. August and September 31, Ke ting told the senate that he were removed from Cuba as 25. not all of the offensive missiles were removed from **Quba** as the seen announced. If the sees to be true, the American people, an thifully ask some penetraling estions and demand a complete

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